

# MID-VALLEY UPDATES

*Developments in stories the Democrat-Herald has been following in recent months:*

**TCE TESTING** — Surface soil samples from Liberty Elementary School came back with trace amounts of the chemical TCE, well below the levels that would be needed to be flagged by the Department of Environmental Quality, Rich Walters of the Albany Research Center said Friday. DEQ representatives were not immediately able to be reached for more information. More in-depth soil studies are expected next month to see if any link can be found between TCE levels in the groundwater near the school and trace amounts detected in the air.

theme but is now looking toward 2006.

**KELSEY SENTENCED** — D. Alfred Kelsey, who had led Linn County courtroom before a guilty verdict was reached in his rape case, was sentenced April 14 in Linn County Circuit Court. He was convicted on six counts of rape and will serve close to 20 years in prison and 20 years under post-prison supervision.

**SWAYZE IN COURT** — Kathi Swayze's next court appearance has been scheduled for June 30 in Linn County Circuit Court. The former Brownsville mayor is facing drug charges after marijuana was found on her property in October. Her husband,